

10TH ANNUAL  
**Preservation in May**



*Celebrating Biloxi's  
History and Culture*

# 10th Annual Preservation in May Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 11, 2017

## Howard Avenue Past and Present

Join us for a walking tour of historic Howard Avenue with stops at well-known and hidden jewels of Biloxi's past. View historic photos of downtown's illustrious past while enjoying refreshments. The tour, which runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m., starts



at two locations: the West End Hose Company #3 Fire Museum and at the corner of Howard and Lameuse streets. The Biloxi Tour Train will be on hand offering a continuous loop. Participants are encouraged to visit all the stops and register for prize giveaways.

Thursday, May 18, 2017

## A Visit in Historic Oak Park Neighborhood

Come take a trip back in time in one of Biloxi's "newest" old residential areas. Take a walking tour, hear the fanciful and interesting history from residents, see historic maps of the area and enjoy the beautiful locale and refreshments. The tour will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Businessmen's Park at the intersection of Forest and Bayview Avenue. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.

Thursday, May 25, 2017



## Biloxi: The Seafood Capital

**of the World** – Be our guest for an evening at the Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum and learn how Biloxi seafood was and still is enjoyed around the world. For first-time visitors and frequent guests there is always something new to see and learn at Biloxi's "newest" museum. Local historian and author Edmond Boudreaux will discuss how Biloxi earned the distinction as "The Seafood Capital of the World" while participants sample some gulf fresh seafood. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and self-guided tours continue until 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

## French Colonial Cemetery Park Dedication and Picnic in the Park

Join the City of Biloxi and the Department of Marine Resources for the dedication of the French Colonial Cemetery Park located on Porter Avenue adjacent to the Biloxi Visitors Center. The ribbon cutting and dedication will begin at 4 p.m. followed by a community celebration in Lighthouse Park. Live music, refreshments and displays on the project and the history of area will be available. The event is free and participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy this beautiful new community space. The celebration in the park will take place from 5 to 7:30 p.m.



Thursday, June 1, 2017

## St. Michael Catholic Church 100th Anniversary



Celebrate the history of one of the oldest congregations in Biloxi. Join us at St. Michael Family Life Center at 5 p.m. to discover the fascinating church through photos and memorabilia that will be on display along with the cultural and heritage boards created by this year's Biloxi Shrimp Queen Contestants. Don't miss "The Bulletin," a live skit portraying another aspect of church life. The Mass of the Deceased Fisherman will follow in the church kicking off The Blessing of the Fleet weekend of activities.

***Preservation in May is a free program of:***

***City of Biloxi, Biloxi Bay Area Chamber, Biloxi Main Street, Biloxi Public School District, University of Southern Mississippi, and Local History & Genealogy Department of the Biloxi Public Library.***

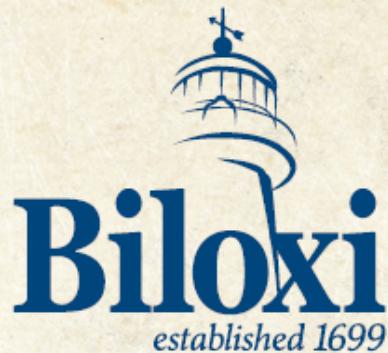


For more information, contact the Biloxi Visitors Center at 228-374-3105.

# PASSPORT TO HISTORY



*2017 Preservation  
in May Celebration*



1050 Beach Blvd  
Biloxi, MS 39532

Get your *Passport to History* that will be stamped at each program.

Everyone with a passport who receives at least three stamps will receive a commemorative gift for their support of local preservation at the May 30 celebration.